

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

AMEND CLAIMS 3 & 5 ACCORDING TO THE ATTACHED COPY.

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1. (Previously Amended) A twisted -pair cable separator spline comprising:  
a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,  
a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,  
at least one pocket being on the major axis, and  
at least one pocket being on the minor axis,  
wherein said major axis has a length greater than a length of said minor axis.
2. (Previously Amended) The spline of claim 1 wherein,  
said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis, and  
each of said at least one pockets longitudinally extending substantially parallel to each other.
3. (Currently amended) ~~The spline of claim 2 wherein, A twisted -pair cable separator~~  
spline comprising:  
a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending  
open pockets,  
a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,  
at least one pocket being on the major axis,  
at least one pocket being on the minor axis,  
said major axis has a length greater than a length of said minor axis,  
said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis, and

each of said at least one pockets longitudinally extending substantially parallel to each other,

each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area which is 75 % or less than a cross-sectional area of a circular envelope of a twisted-pair cable to be placed in said at least one pockets.

4. (Original) The spline of claim 1 wherein,

    said spline has first, second, third, and fourth spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,

    a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,

    said first and second pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area, and  
    said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area.

5. (Currently Amended) The spline of claim 4 wherein, A twisted -pair cable separator spline comprising:

a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,

a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,

at least one pocket being on the major axis,

at least one pocket being on the minor axis,

said major axis has a length greater than a length of said minor axis,

said spline has first, second, third, and fourth spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,

a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,

said first and second pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area,

said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area

said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis,

said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area,  
    said first, second, third, and fourth pockets longitudinally extending substantially parallel  
to each other, and

        each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area which is 75 % or less than a  
        cross-sectional area of a circular envelope of a twisted-pair cable to be placed in said at least one  
        pockets.

6. (Previously Amended) The spline of claim 5, wherein  
    said first and second pockets having a depth greater than a depth of said third and fourth  
pockets, and

        each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area of about 25% to 75 % the  
        cross-sectional area of the circular envelope of the twisted-pair cable to be placed in said at least  
        one pockets.